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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert Stobie) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/705,587)
Filing Date: November 10, 2003) Examiner: Unknown
For: HEART VALVE HOLDER AND METHOD FOR)
RESISTING SUTURE LOOPING)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.